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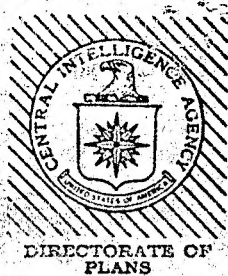FROM : CIA
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SOURCE (S) [   ] THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN THE NATIONAL

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.   HE IS A USUALLY RELIABLE REPORTER.

HE OBTAINED THE INFORMATION FROM A PERSON WHO ATTENDED THE

SEMINAR.

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1.   WHILE THE 19 TO 25 SEPTEMBER 1971 SEMINAR AT ALAJUELA,

COSTA RICA, FOR SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMO-

CRATIC PARTIES AND MOVEMENTS OF CENTRAL AMERICA WAS ENTITLED

"THE STRATEGY OF SOCIAL POWER," THE TRUE PURPOSE OF THE SEMINAR

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WAS TO ACCOMPLISH A VERY DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE POLITICAL SITUA-

TION IN EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, NICARAGUA, PANAMA, AND

COSTA RICA.   TO THIS END, THE TWENTY-FOUR PARTICIPANTS IN THE

SEMINAR WERE PRESENTED AT THE OUTSET WITH A VERY DETAILED

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QUESTIONNAIRE PREPARED BY THE INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC

FORMATION (IFEDEC) CONCERNING THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN EACH OF

THE SIX CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES. LAUREANO B A T I S T A, THE

IFEDEC REPRESENTATIVE AT THE SEMINAR, REQUESTED THAT REPRESENTA-

TIVES FROM EACH OF THE COUNTRIES PREPARE WRITTEN REPLIES TO THE

QUESTIONNAIRE.

2. COSTA RICAN AND NICARAGUAN REPRESENTATIVES, PARTICULARLY

JORGE M O N G E OF COSTA RICA, REACTED IN AN EXTREMELY NEGATIVE

AND SUSPICIOUS FASHION TO THE IFEDEC QUESTIONNAIRE AND REFUSED TO

PROVIDE WRITTEN ANSWERS. OTHER REPRESENTATIVES HAD LITTLE DESIRE

TO PROVIDE WRITTEN ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE BUT GENERALLY DID

NOT REACT AS STRONGLY AS DID THE COSTA RICANS AND NICARAGUANS. THOSE

MOST OPPOSED TO BATISTA'S REQUEST EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE

QUESTIONNAIRE WAS AN IFEDEC PLOY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING

THE SITUATION IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND THEY DUBBED THE QUESTIONNAIRE

EFFORT "OPERATION CAMELOT." BATISTA EXPLAINED THAT THE INFORMATION

REQUESTED WAS REQUIRED BY THE LATIN AMERICAN CENTER FOR INFORMATION

(CIDAL), AN ORGANIZATION RECENTLY FOUNDED IN CARACAS BY THE AMERICAN

CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION (ODCA) AND HEADED BY BATISTA.

THE SALVADORAN REPRESENTATIVES AT THE SEMINAR, AT LEAST, HAD NEVER

BEFORE HEARD OF CIDAL. IT WAS FINALLY DECIDED THAT NO WRITTEN

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